

REMARKS

Entry and consideration of the foregoing amendments are respectfully requested. By this amendment, claim 10 has been amended and claims 1-9 have been canceled. Claims 10-24 are pending in the application.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication that claims 14-24 are allowed and claims 10-13 contain allowable subject matter. Claim 10 has been amended into independent form as suggested in the Office Action, and thus claims 10-13 should now be allowed in addition to claims 14-24.

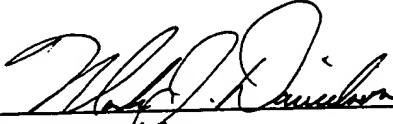
In the Office Action, claims 1-8 were rejected as obvious under U.S. Patent No. 5,414,377 to Freidin ("Freidin") and claim 9 was rejected as anticipated by Freidin.¹ To avoid further delays toward issuance, Applicant has elected to cancel the rejected claims in this application and to pursue their allowance in a continuation application. Mindful of the Federal Circuit's recent decision in Festo, Applicant stresses that the claim amendments made in this application do not reflect any surrender of patentable subject matter covered by the canceled claims whatsoever. Rather, Applicant respectfully disagrees with the rejections, as will be demonstrated in the continuation application.

Applicant also acknowledges the Examiner's suggestion to file formal drawings as soon as possible. As suggested, a set of formal drawings is included in this response. The Examiner is respectfully requested to review the drawings for acceptability and approve them for issuance.

¹ Although the Office Action indicates that claim 9 is anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,414,377 to Freidin, it appears from the Examiner's remarks that the Examiner intended to apply U.S. Patent No. 5,726,584 to Freidin instead.

Consideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested. If there are any questions regarding this application, Applicant's attorney requests an opportunity to discuss this case with the Examiner either in person or by telephone interview.

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APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-9 are canceled.

The claims are amended as follows:

10. (Amended) A programmable logic device [according to claim 9], comprising:

a function cell that provides a result logic value in response to one or more input logic values and a function vector, the function cell being operable to receive the function vector both from a configuration memory and from dynamic configuration signals,

wherein the function cell includes a function selection block that is operable to selectively receive the function vector in response to a received function overlay enable signal.

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